Cambridge. March 27. 1870.

My dear friend, I received your letter returning the bill of Welch Bigelow & Co. yesterday. I have just returned from a visit to three other printing establishments, where I have ascertained their prices. At the Chronicle Office they could set up only plain matter for which they charge 70 cts per 1000 ems. But they could not produce such a pamphlet. At the Riverside Press, their price for plain matter is 90 cts: for tables two prices for columns of figures one price and a half: for German and French 10 cts extra. On looking at the pamphlet, with the mixed formulae, references and figures, they finally said they should charge $1.00 per 1000 ems. 10 cts extra for German and French two prices for tables, one and a half for columns of figures. I then went to John Wilson & Co. Their price for plain matter - like sermons ems 85 cts — But for such mixed matter as this pamphlet they should charge for the tables two prices and one and a half for the rest all through.

I asked them for memoranda — which they gave me & which I enclose.

Thus it seems that Welch & Bigelow's prices are rather below than above the regular prices here.

It is a consolation to know that besides enabling the experts to understand the case, and the council in some degree, the production of the pamphlet saved time of counsel and commissioner; probably a full week—

Lauer's new acid seems to be cream tartar treated with an equivalent of sulphuric acid.— being a mixture of tartaric acid, therefore, and sulphate of potassa. It contains no phosphoric acid. This is a very old story.

Please read over the enclosed points in reply to the new line of defence, and return them with any suggestions. I suppose you may be here anyday. Please telegraph me when. I trust you are better.

Yours very faithfully

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